

b.) Remarks

Claim 1 is objected to for reciting redundant subject matter. Accordingly, the noted text has been deleted and the objection mooted.


Claims 1, 18, 19 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the present invention. In response, claims 1 and 22 have been amended in order to address the Examiner's concerns. Accordingly, this rejection is mooted as well.

In view of the above amendments, Applicants submit that all of the Examiner's concerns are now overcome and the claims now in allowable condition. Accordingly, allowance of this application and prompt passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

Claims 1, 18, 19, 22 and 23 remain presented for continued prosecution.

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